

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR PREDENTAL STUDENTS 2008

Professional approach to this process: this is the first step toward your ultimate goal of joining a respected and honorable profession. It is very important that you take this process seriously, and approach it professionally. Use an email address which contains your name (no clever, cute or flippant addresses please). Treat everyone with respect, including secretaries and anyone you talk to at dental schools or on the phone. Think about the clothing you wear when going to talk to a professor or to ask for a letter. Think about the impression you want to make on everyone who is involved with the process.

- ___ 1. Open Predental File. During the year in which you are applying (normally the junior year) fill out the Predental Information Sheet (attached) and the Statement of Understanding (attached). Make an appointment to meet with Chere Pereira or Miranda Smith to get their signatures.
- ___ 2. AADSAS. The centralized application to dental school, AADSAS, is available mid May. Apply online at www.ADEA.org. **Please give us a copy of your personal statement.**
- ___ 3. Letter of Evaluation Matching Form- print this from the website and list advisor's name- not individual references. **We must have this form in order to send your letters!** Please waive your rights so that the letters are confidential.
- ___ 4. Letters of Recommendation. We send a Predental Committee Letter packet. You'll need at least 4 letters for your file- 3 science, one from a dentist, and an additional letter from an employer, non-science teacher, etc. is fine. Give everyone the Predental Letter of Recommendation Form, to which they will attach a letter on letterhead, then send it directly to the College of Science. All letters should be confidential. The letter from the dentist (with whom you have worked) must be on their office letterhead. Do not assume that letters have been received- please check (see 10. below) and be sure to thank your recommenders. Please note that these letters may only be used for dental school- not for any other purpose.
- ___ 5. Stamps. We will mail your letter to AADSAS, so please provide two stamps (note that we are not sending letters electronically).
6. DAT. The Dental Admission Test is offered by computer any time through the Sylvan/Prometric Center. You should take the exam the year in which you are applying. Most students prepare by reviewing their coursework; preparation materials are online at <http://www.ada.org/prof/ed/testing/dat/index.asp>. There is a DAT course offered by Kaplan. Remember that you must wait 90 days to retake it, so it is in your best interest to take it in the summer in case you need to take it again. Please release your scores to your advisor.
7. Choosing Dental Schools. There is a book, "Admission Requirements for Dental Schools", available for loan in my office. Look for information on average GPA and DAT, residency requirements, curriculum info, class size, etc. See handout. Show me your list before you apply!

8. Deadlines. Letters must be in your pre dental file by JULY 11!!! It is to your advantage to apply by mid summer. Many schools consider a fall application to be "late". Do not be fooled by deadlines of Jan. or Feb.; schools are full by then!
9. Transcripts- You must give the Transcript Matching Form to each school you have attended, and they will send your transcript directly to AADSAS. Be sure to check your transcripts for accuracy before having them sent, and be sure there are no "holds" for any reason (usually money owed). Allow extra time for community colleges- they are slower.
10. It is your responsibility to check on the status of your letters; contact our office at 737-4811 to see if a letter has arrived. Once all materials have been received (#1-5 above) we will send your letters to AADSAS.

Reapplicants: Do not reapply if nothing has changed. There is an information sheet for reapplicants, and you will need to meet with me to discuss ways to strengthen your application.

Good luck!

Chere Pereira
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Application Timeline:

April- Application Seminar
May- AADSAS application opens; work on personal statement; ask for letters
June-August- submit AADSAS application (fee reduction available)
June- have all transcripts sent to AADSAS
June-September- take DAT (OHSU deadline is NOV 1)
July 11- deadline for letters to arrive to our office
July, August- committee letters sent by us to AADSAS
September- secondary applications from schools sent to applicants
October-January- interviews
November 1- OHSU deadline
December-February- acceptance letters sent!!
February- apply for financial aid

APPLY EARLY! LATER APPLICANTS ARE AT A DISADVANTAGE!

PREDENTAL STUDENT INFORMATION SHEET

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

OSU ID _____ Major _____

Year in which you are applying _____ When will/did you take DAT _____

How did you prepare _____

DAT SCORE (if known) _____ College GPA at time of application _____

College activities and awards _____

Employment/Research/Family commitments during school year _____

Dental experience _____

Hobbies _____

From whom do you expect letters of recommendation?

Advisor's Signature: _____

A-M Chere Pereira

N-Z Miranda Smith

Use the back of this form for any additional information you wish the committee to know that is not on your application.

Please attach a copy of your personal statement to this form.

Return this completed form to:

Ms. Chere Pereira

College of Science Kidder 128

Corvallis, OR 97331

**OSU College of Science
Predental Committee Letter of Recommendation
Statement of Understanding**

By signing below, you are requesting that the OSU College of Science Predental Committee send a letter of recommendation to the dental schools designated on you're AADSAS application, or to military dental scholarship programs. If you request such a letter, the Predental Committee is permitted to review student records relevant for the preparation of its letter and is permitted to disclose information from such records, including any actions taken by the Dean of Students office.

"I have read and understand the above information and hereby request and authorize the OSU College of Science Predental Committee to send a letter of recommendation to the schools or dental scholarship programs which I have designated.

I understand that it is my responsibility to submit all application materials by the appropriate deadlines, as outlined in this information packet."

Student's signature

Date